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This is an office action for serial number 10/739080.

Election/Restrictions

Newly submitted claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-13, 19-23, and 26 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: the applicant has changed the scope of the invention from a subcombination of a stand that could hold or support a ceiling fan to claims directed to the combination of a ceiling fan and a stand. The claims are directed toward a new invention.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-13, 19-23, and 26 withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

The amendment filed on February 1, 2006 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because they are drawn to the combination of the ceiling fan and the stand and not the stand-alone.

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Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

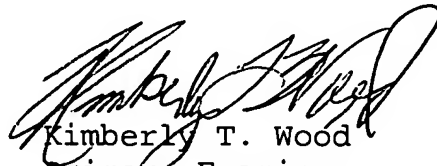
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimberly T. Wood whose telephone number is 571-272-6826. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30am to 5:00pm.

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